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Tháte Oúye Tópa: the Four Winds

Wazíya: Winter Giant, Winter Wind

Wazíyata: the North

Wazíya pháhdí: Icicles (Wazíya's snot)

Wazíse: Giants

Wazíchán: Conifers/Pine Trees

Waníyetu: Winter Time

Wazíya

Power of the North Wind

The north is the home of Wazíya, Spirit of the North Wind, and of the winter season, Waníyetu. Sometimes depicted as a giant, Wazíya is the strongest and most formidable of all the winds, commanding both respect and caution from the Dakota people and the Animal Nations. With an icy breath that can freeze living flesh into stone within moments, Wazíya embodies the immense power and danger of winter.

His color is red and he is often at odds with his brother Okága, the Spirit of the South Wind, who brings the warm, gentle breezes of summer. Together, their opposing forces shape the cycles of the seasons, reflecting the delicate balance of nature and the resilience needed to thrive within it.